(b) and (c) In 2007-08, Ministry of Tourism had sanctioned financial assistance for setting up State Institute of Hotel Management & Catering Technology in district Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh.

(d) Does not arise.

Closure/revival of Public Sector Enterprises

*412. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Public Sector Enterprises existing and closed when the U.P.A. Government took over;

(b) how many new Public Sector Enterprises came into being during the tenure of the U.P.A. Government and how many sick units revived and restored;

(c) how many have been closed during the tenure of the U.P.A. Government as on 28 February, 2008;

(d) whether the progress of revival and rehabilitation is very slow;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the extra effective measures taken for revival of the closed industries?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As per Public Enterprises Survey 2003-04, there were 242 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) as on 31.3.2004 *i.e.* prior to the period when the U.P.A. Government took over. This includes 11 CPSEs in respect of which decision was taken for their closure. In addition to these 11 CPSEs, there were 16 CPSEs, which were closed during the period 1999-2000 to 2003-04.

(b) to (f) Since the U.P.A. Government took over, 30 new CPSEs were incorporated during the period between 2004-05 to 2006-07. The Government constituted the Board for Reconstruction of the Public Enterprises (BRPSE) in December, 2004 for revival/restructuring of sick and loss making CPSEs. Out of 61 cases received in Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) for reference to BRPSE by the different Ministries, recommendations have been made in respect of 51 sick/loss making CPSEs. Based on the recommendations of BRPSE, Government has approved revival proposals for 28 CPSEs and closure of 2 CPSEs. In additio.. to the above, revival proposals in respect of Nagaland Pulp & Paper Ltd. and ITI have been approved. Government have also accorded "in principal" approval for reversal of its earlier decision to close the units of Fertilizers Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL) with a view to explore the various options for their revival.

Extension of AIBP in the country

†*413. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) was started during the last decade to bring rapid extension of irrigation system in the country;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.